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IV.—AMENDMENTS TO THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to present the report[a] of the Select Committee on the amendments to the Madras Legislative Council Rules and move—

' *That the amendments be taken into consideration* '.

Sir, I have already spoken on the need for associating the Members of this House on the Public Accounts Committee and the Estimates Committee of the Legislative Assembly. The Select Committee's report is before the House. These rules are based on the procedure obtaining in the Lok Sabha for the association of the Members of the Rajya Sabha with the Public Accounts Committee. It is proposed that the Members of this House should be associated with the Public Accounts Committee and the Estimates Committee of the Assembly. The enabling provision therefor has to be included in the Council Rules.

"It may be stated that these committees are not in the nature of Joint Committees of both the Houses. The Members of this House are to associate with the Public Accounts Committee and the Estimates Committee of the Assembly. I trust hon. Members will agree to these rules as now revised by the Select Committee, and we should express our gratitude to the Government and the Hon. the Minister for Finance in particular for their kind support." 5-10 p.m.

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, I second the motion and in doing so I would like to pay very good compliments to the hon. Member, Mr. T. Purushotham, for the initiative he took in this matter and to the Hon. the Minister for Finance for the suggestion he made with reference to which Mr. Purushotham took the initiative."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Sir, I wish to join my Deputy Leader in paying tribute to the hon. Member Mr. Purushotham and to the Hon. the Finance Minister. I have never seen before a suggestion being made by the Minister, its being taken up at once and implemented, all within three days. Within three days, so much has been done and that shows the interest Mr. Purushotham takes in the affairs of the House. At the same time, we are glad that the Leader of the other House was also responsible for this motion being brought in here. Now that the resolution is before the House let us hope it will be accepted and the other House also will agree to its substance, so that Members of the Council also may serve on these two important bodies."

* SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Sir, on this occasion, I must say that some credit for the initiative should go to me also because at an earlier stage I wanted an amendment to the rules on the lines of the resolution before the House. Apart from this, I am glad that there is co-operation between the two Houses of the Legislature. One thing I would like to point out here. This House represents the people as much as the other House, though in different ways.

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 811–813 *infra*.

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We represent institutions, so to say, which are really ruling the country. We have got the graduates' constituency, local bodies' constituency and the Assembly constituency. Then we have the teachers' constituency. All these are representative institutions and we are as much representative of the people as the Legislative Assembly is. So, there is no use of saying that the Assembly is more important than the Council or the Council is more important and that it contains persons who can pride themselves by saying they are wiser. Both the Houses are necessary and both contribute a good deal to a proper discussion of measures that are brought before them. Therefore, I am glad there is co-operation between the two Houses and I hope the same thing will extend to other spheres of activity also."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I have nothing to add to what has already been said. This is only an enabling provision that is being made now. I am hoping that it will be possible for me to move a resolution in the other House and request this House to nominate Members to these committees to be associated with the deliberations of those committees. Ere long, I hope, the committees will begin to render valuable service."

* SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, I thank the hon. Members for their kind words. I do not deserve all that has been said. (Sri Mohamed Raza Khan : You do.) I am only anxious that this House should do some useful and efficient work and it is with that view that I have moved this resolution."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I shall now put the motion to vote. The question is—

'That the amendments be taken into consideration '."

The motion was carried and the amendments were taken into consideration.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I shall now put the amendments to vote. The question is—

'*Add* the following new rules after rule 179 :—

(5) *Committee on Public Accounts*—

179-A. The Council may elect for every financial year such number of members of the Council as may be fixed by the Chairman to associate with the Public Accounts Committee of the Assembly. The election of members will be held in such manner as the Chairman may direct.

(6) *Committee on Estimates*—

179-B. The Council may elect for every financial year such number of members of the Council as may be fixed by the Chairman to associate with the Estimates Committee of the Assembly. The election of members will be held in such manner as the Chairman may direct '."

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The amendments were carried.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, I move—

' That the amendments be passed '."

The motion was put and carried and the amendments were passed.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Under rule 190 of the Madras Council Rules, I am to inform the House that a copy of the amendments to the Madras Legislative Council Rules passed by the Council to-day (29th March 1955) has been signed by me.

" I now adjourn the House to meet again on Tuesday, the 5th April 1955, at 11 a.m."

The House then adjourned.

V.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

* 1. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No. 462, Home, dated 22nd February 1955, regarding rule amending schedule to the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act, 1952 (Madras Act XVI of 1952).*

† 2. *Bill passed by the Assembly and received therefrom in the Council :*

(*i*) *The Madras Appropriation Bill,* 1955 (*L.A. Bill No.* 5 *of* 1955).

(*ii*) *The Madras Appropriation* (*No.* 2) *Bill,* 1955 (*L.A. Bill No.* 6 *of* 1955).

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* Laid on the table of the House on 24th March 1955.

† Sent by Special Messengers on 28th March 1955.